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COUNTRY EAST GERMANY				
SUBJECT REACTION OF STUDENTS TO HUNGARIAN DEVELOPMENTS				50X1-HUM

1. AMONG STUDENTS OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN (EAST), PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS ARE CONSTANTLY GOING ON CONCERNING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HUNGARY, AND THERE ARE EVEN SOME RELATIVELY PUBLIC DEBATES. THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA OF EAST GERMANY ARE SEVERELY CRITICIZED FOR GIVING NO COVERAGE OR A DISTORTED COVERAGE OF THESE EVENTS. THE STUDENTS ARE SAID TO BE UNANIMOUS IN THE OPINION THAT THE SPEECHES BY WALTER ULBRICHT AND OTTO GROTEWOHL ON 27 OCTOBER SHOWED THEIR FEAR OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST GERMANY. THERE IS A GROWING DEMAND THAT SOME SED FUNCTIONARIES MEET THE STUDENTS FOR AN OPEN AND FREE DISCUSSION OF THE EVENTS IN BOTH POLAND AND HUNGARY.

2. IN THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, FDJ FUNCTIONARIES ARE BEING ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS. THEY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DISCOUNT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENT EVENTS, BUT HAVE BEEN ARGUED DOWN BY THE STUDENTS. SOME OF THE STUDENTS ARE BECOMING MORE VOCAL IN THEIR DEMANDS FOR A "YOUTH FORUM" WITH SED LEADERS ON THE

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POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DEVELOPMENTS. TENSION IS SAID TO BE HIGH, BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT OPEN UNREST IS LIKELY.

3. IN THE FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCE THE DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING CONSTANTLY DISCUSSED, DESPITE THE FACT THAT LECTURERS AND FUNCTIONARIES OF THE FDJ AND SED HAVE SO FAR ATTEMPTED TO AVOID THE SUBJECT OR TO MAKE IT SEEM UNIMPORTANT. THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF THE FAILURE OF THE WEST TO GIVE ACTIVE AID TO THE HUNGARIAN REBELS. THE QUESTION IS BEING ASKED WHAT THE WEST MIGHT DO IF OPEN UNREST SHOULD BREAK OUT IN EAST GERMANY. THE STUDENTS ARE ALLEGEDLY OF THE OPINION THAT THE SED LEADERSHIP WOULD BE SEIZED WITH PANIC IF THERE WERE A REBELLION AMONG THE STUDENTS, EVEN IF ONLY AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY'S FDJ LEADERS.

4. THERE IS A DEMAND THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE COMPULSORY STUDY OF THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. DIETER KLEIN, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE FDJ HOCHSCHULGRUPPENLEITUNG, REPLIED THAT NO CONCESSIONS ON THIS POINT OR ANYTHING ELSE CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE ANY CONCESSION WILL ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER DEMANDS AND BEFORE ANYONE REALIZES IT THERE WILL BE DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST GERMANY SIMILAR TO THOSE IN POLAND AND HUNGARY.

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